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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior has overruled the decision of the Pension Commission refusing pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Corcoran because proof was lacking that her husband's death was due to the effects of the service. Mr. Bussey holds that the doctors outside of the medical expert thought death was caused by wounds received in the service.

EDWARD T. WAITE, one of the late Chief Justice Waite's sons, died at his mother's home in Washington on the 23d of Bright's disease.

MR. ANNIE J. PRICE, the new Haytian Minister to the United States, has been presented to the President by Secretary Blaine.

The funeral of John S. Parker, late of Kansas City, who committed suicide by throwing himself in the Potomac at Washington, took place at Arlington. The remains were buried under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Secretary of the Interior has allowed \$5,779 of the original claim of Smith & Smith, of Gov. County, Kan., amounting to \$17,153 for depredations committed by the Northern Cheyenne Indians in 1878.

A STRONG effort is to be made early in Congress for the passage of a postal savings bank bill in accordance with the recommendations of Postmaster-General Wanamaker.

The football game between Annapolis cadets and the Washington football team was witnessed at Washington by a large number of naval officials and others. The game was won by the Annapolis club with a score of 30 to 0.

PRESIDENT HARRISON sent a number of Christmas gifts to the poor members of the G. A. R. in Washington.

The widow of General George H. Thomas died suddenly at Washington on the 23d.

The President accompanied by Senators Edmunds and Hawley and others left on the 23d for a three days' duck hunting trip to the mouth of the Potomac and along Chesapeake bay. They went in Commodore Bateman's steam yacht.

SURGEON-GENERAL HAMILTON, of the marine hospital service, has prepared regulations to prevent the introduction of leprosy into the United States.

The Secretary of the Navy has adopted a new design for the flag of the navy, to take effect July 1, 1891. It will be applied to both the flag and the union jack of the navy and consists of a rectangular arrangement of the forty-two stars.

THE EAST.

NEARLY all the miners in the region along the Monongahela river in Pennsylvania have resumed work at half a cent per bushel advance in the mining rate.

The Philadelphia newspaper proprietors decided to refuse the demand of the printers for 45 cents per 1,000 ems instead of 40 cents.

NOTICE has been given to the steel mill and blast employees of the Lackawanna Coal and Iron Company that on January 1 an advance of wages of from 5 to 10 per cent. will go into effect. This affects over 3,000 men and is justified by the increased price of steel rails.

JOSEPH STOTT, forty-three years of age, a jewelry merchant of Providence, R. I., who had been ill some time, left his house early the other morning and went to the track of the Old Colony railroad, waited for the Short Line train, placed his neck across the rails and was beheaded.

GENERAL J. MADISON DRAKE was quite severely injured at Elizabeth, N. J., recently by falling under a runaway horse which he endeavored to stop.

While returning from a Christmas eve dance Miss Mamie Campbell and her escort, Benjamin Lovett, were struck by the oyster express on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Campbell received injuries that resulted in her death in a few hours, and Lovett was fatally hurt.

By a tail end collision of freight trains on the Lake Erie & Western road near Glenwood, the other morning, thirteen cars of grain and two carloads of hogs were completely wrecked and the locomotive badly damaged. Traffic was delayed nearly all day.

HEAVY storms were reported on the 23d from various places in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, accompanied by loss of life.

Two old ladies living alone near De Witt, N. Y., were asphyxiated by coal gas the other night.

JOHN P. JONES and William H. Palmer were found dead in a hotel at Bethlehem, Pa., having blown out the gas the night before.

A NEW YORK judge recently set aside a verdict of \$50,000 damages "for loss of a wife's affection," and in doing so remarked that "the finding was probably the result of an acute attack of that species of mental hysteria to which juries in sexual cases are peculiarly liable."

The option of \$10,000,000 given to W. P. Shinn on the coal mines of Monongahela river having expired, Mr. Shinn, who represents New York capitalists, has asked for an extension of the option until July 1, when he thinks the sale can be effected. The operators are considering the matter.

THE WEST.

THE new coast defense vessel now being built in San Francisco will be named the Monterey.

JAMES J. WEST, late editor of the Chicago Times, has been convicted and fined \$1,000 and sentenced to five years' imprisonment for over-issuing stock. An appeal was taken.

SIXTEEN men were buried by falling earth in the Lane mine, Calaveras County, Cal., on the 23d. No hope of their recovery alive existed.

At Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, the other night a boat was upset and four men were drowned, five being rescued. Among the drowned was a sailor of the Trenton, who escaped dire peril at Sanon.

GEORGE W. HUBBARD, chief of the

NINE business houses in Leesburg, Ind., were destroyed by fire the other day; loss, \$25,000.

THIRTY mild cases of Russian influenza are reported at Duluth, Minn.

DENNIS C. HARRA, probably the oldest man in Illinois, died at Chicago the other day, aged 110.

THE City Council of St. Louis has appointed a committee to give the recent passage of the gas bill, which is alleged to be a big swindle and steal, a thorough overhauling and to ascertain if possible whether any "boodle" was used and by whom. A majority of the committee is composed of the opponents of the bill.

J. D. REVELL, formerly station agent at Wilmette, Ill., and his wife and child, while crossing the tracks, were struck by a passing train and all killed.

A SPECIAL from Montpelier, Ind., says George Schrock was hit by a stray bullet and killed at a turkey shooting match Christmas day.

IN Campbell County, S. D., numerous cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria are reported, twenty-six of which are in Mitchell. Huron and Aberdeen also report several deaths from these diseases. Some of the public schools have been closed.

ANOTHER dynamite bomb has been found inside the prison yard at Jackson, Mich., where it had probably been secreted to be used at the first favorable opportunity in wrecking the walls and perhaps releasing a number of desperate convicts.

SOUTHERN Ute Indians of Colorado are anxious for their speedy removal to Utah.

The recent California rains proved especially disastrous to railroad property. In places the tracks were eighteen feet deep in water.

The United States cruiser Charleston went into service at San Francisco on the 23d.

It is said that the Indians in the vicinity of Fort Sully are raiding and killing settlers.

LENA SCHUPP, a poor woman of Omaha, Neb., deserted by her husband, has been terribly afflicted. She left her three children the other morning to go out washing when the house burned and all three perished. One was a babe three months old.

TEN cars of a Wabash freight train went down an embankment at Delphi, Ind. Three tramps were slightly hurt.

The four stamp clerks in the Chicago post-office are very much worried over the unaccountable disappearance of stamps since last July. Every effort to solve the mystery has been a failure.

IN the Western College fire at Toledo, Iowa, the collection of curios of the late S. H. Thomson, of Chicago, was totally destroyed. It cost in cash over \$125,000 and was the property of his brother-in-law, Charles Mason, of Toledo, to whose wife it was bequeathed. Not a single relic of the valuable collection was saved.

THE SOUTH.

CARROLL S. MACGILL, of Baltimore, Md., finished his task of eating thirty quail in thirty days and won his wager.

It is stated at New Orleans that Jake Kilrain will be offered by the Southern Athletic Club the professorship of boxing, and that he will accept the position and make New Orleans his permanent home.

BURKE, defaulting Treasurer of Louisiana, is reported to be in Spanish Honduras.

SWITZER, NEWITT & Co. and other firms were burned out at Vicksburg, Miss., on the night of the 23d. The loss was \$170,000.

WILLIAM GRAHAM, of Cartersville, Ga., stenographer of the Cherokee judiciary circuit, and Anna Jones were married recently. The bride is seventeen years old and is a daughter of Rev. Sam Jones. The parents opposed the marriage.

A SERIOUS race riot occurred at Jessup, Ga., on Christmas day. Two whites and several negroes were killed and many wounded.

The funeral services over the late Henry W. Grady took place at Atlanta, Ga., on Christmas day. His remains were interred in Oakland cemetery.

The Governor of Texas had information recently that a riot was threatened in Tyler County, and ordered out the militia to aid the sheriff in keeping the peace.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., was afflicted with a race riot on Christmas day. One colored man was fatally and another seriously wounded. A veritable reign of terror existed at Jessup, Ga., the killed numbering ten and the negro Brewer's outlaw gang being hunted by armed parties of whites.

GENERAL.

A DISPATCH from St. Paul de Loanda says the American solar eclipse party made some fairly successful experiments, although clouds interfered.

PRESIDENT CARNOT, of France, who is suffering from influenza, is slightly better.

The Bell Telephone Company in the past year has put out \$2,000,000 of bonds.

Rev. Mr. SPRIGGS has had another severe attack of gout.

The French Government has appointed a committee to examine the plans for a bridge across the English channel.

DISCOURAGING rumors existed on the 23d of Samuel J. Randall's health.

The fight between Jim Smith, the English pugilist, and Slavin, the Australian, took place in Belgium on the 23d. The fight was pronounced a draw, the English pugilist's friends preventing a finish, as it tended in Slavin's favor.

At a meeting of the Brazilian Sugar Company in London the chairman said that the new Government in Brazil had shown every desire to follow the honorable course of the old Government and had paid the moiety of interest due the company.

The London Daily News says that Germany will send an irnpred to Brazil to protect the German colonists on the Rio Grande.

DR. SCHWEINFURTH, in a letter from Cairo, urges the German Government to secure the services of Emin Pasha and send him to the interior of Africa to conciliate the Arabs and create a commercial center at Lake Tanganyika.

The rumored consolidation of the Wisconsin Central and the Northern Pacific under the name of the Grand Central, was denied by the officers of the former road.

ITALIAN Anarchists have posted placards in Lugano calling upon Italians to follow the example of Brazil and overthrow the monarchy.

AN old speech of Lord Salisbury's has been unearthed, in which he blamed England for Ireland's misery.

EDMUND BOSCHER, an enthusiastic supporter of General Boulanger, has just inherited \$1,500,000, the bulk of which she will devote to the General's cause.

A MALIGNANT outbreak of diphtheria is reported in the Russian settlement of Eureka, McPherson County, S. D.

ADVICES from Guatemala and San Salvador state that the most harmonious relations exist between the two Governments.

THE recently destroyed wharves of the New Zealand Steamship Company at Sydney, N. S. W., together with a large quantity of stored produce.

HERE GUTTENSTEIN, the public prosecutor of the Grand Duchy of Baden, speaking at a public meeting at Karlsruhe declared himself a Socialist and proceeded to develop the Socialist theory and to advocate the Socialist political programme. The meeting was immediately suspended and the hall closed by the police.

SEVEN prisoners escaped from the penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., on Christmas eve, after overcoming and gagging their keepers.

FRENCH doctors think the prevailing influenza a very serious malady if it relapses occur.

THE insurrection in Brazil in favor of the monarchy was suppressed after some trouble.

WHILE a number of men and women were skating on the Ruhr a. Warden, Blensch Prussia, the other day the ice gave way and three of the skaters were swept under the ice and drowned.

A MAN answering the description of Silcott has been traced to Ottawa, Ont. He was greatly changed in appearance; his hair was dark brown. By inquiries he made it was thought he was trying to leave the country via British Columbia. He had plenty of money.

CHRISTMAS day, 1889, will long be remembered in the United States for the phenomenal mildness of the weather.

A FAMINE is feared in Southern Russia.

It is reported that horses in Austria are afflicted with the prevailing influenza.

THE ship building business in New England during the year now closing was good, and the prospects for next year are encouraging.

HERN VOGELWEIS, Vice-President of the Bavarian Chamber of Representatives, is dead.

THE town of Aci Reale, in Sicily, was shaken by an earthquake the other day. Several houses collapsed and many persons were buried under the ruins.

THE University at Odessa has been closed owing to the discovery of the fact that a number of the students were nihilists and were actively engaged in spreading their propaganda.

THE Salvation Army people in Switzerland still continue to defy the authorities and more vigorous measures than ever are proposed.

GENERAL BOULANGER denies that he has been engaged to lecture in the United States or has ever thought of such a thing.

THE Pittsburgh Southern Coal Company, the syndicate of large river coal operators which was formed three years ago with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, has gone into liquidation.

MRS. DELLA PARNELL, mother of Charles Stewart Parnell, states that she has received only one-quarter of the \$5,000 reported to have been presented to her, and that when all her obligations are met there will be but a small margin left for future necessities.

EMIN PASHA recently had a relapse. There was a secondary hemorrhage from the ear and great anxiety was felt.

COUNT KAROLYI, formerly Austrian Ambassador to Great Britain and Germany, died suddenly while hunting on his estate at Pressburg, Hungary.

THE LATEST.

A BRANCH of the British Sailors and Firemen's Union has been formed in New York and increased wages will be asked January 14, when there will be a grand street demonstration. The longshoremen are with them.

By a collision between freight trains in a cut near Meyer station, below Scottsdale, Pa., the other day both engines and fifteen cars were wrecked and the train men all injured but not fatally.

A CAVERN of large proportions occurred at Mainz, a suburb of Wiesbaden, Pa., recently, when, without warning, the surface of the earth settled and great holes appeared, some of them thirty feet deep. St. Leo's Catholic Church was damaged, as were the parsonage and several other buildings.

WILL and Calvin Odell, brothers, of Burnett County, Tex., charged with murder and robbery, were killed the other night by the deputy sheriff of Edwards County while resisting arrest.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended December 27 numbered 285.

THREE new Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church were consecrated at St. Paul, Minn., on the 27th. They were Rev. John Shanley, of St. Paul; Rev. James McGoldrick, of Minneapolis; and Rev. Joseph R. Cotter, of Winona.

ON the Frazer river road near Vancouver, B. C., six young men were on sleigh riding when a tree fell, crushing the sleigh and four of the occupants and the horses. The other two escaped with severe bruises.

ONE house was wrecked, a steeply blown down and other damage done at Fall River, Mass., the other night by a storm. No one was hurt.

By the giving way of a scaffold fifty feet from the ground on a new bank building in Baltimore, Md., three men fell and two were probably fatally injured.

JOSEPH NEWMAN and Ernest Lomborg stepped from a Chicago street car in front of a freight train the other evening. Newman died in two hours and Lomborg's case was critical.

NASHVILLE, an Apache Indian, who murdered Lieutenant Seward Mott, of the Tenth cavalry, on the San Carlos reservation March 16, 1887, has been hanged at Glendale, Ariz.

THE cable working between Maranhao and Rio de Janeiro has, according to latest advices from Brazil, ceased to work. No cause is given for the break in the line, as means of communication between the two points are limited.

CROOKED WORK.

Decidedly Questionable Methods Alleged to Have Been Practiced in the General Land Office in Relation to a Patent for Valuable Iron Lands Near Duluth, Minn.—An Investigation in Progress.

New York, Dec. 26.—A Washington special says: "The investigation now in progress in the General Land Office in relation to the fraudulent patent for valuable iron lands near Duluth is nearly completed, and the testimony taken shows either a fraud unparalleled in the history of the office or inattention, carelessness and incompetency amounting almost to criminality. It shows beyond question that the entry of this land was examined and approved for patent by Douglas, the clerk in such matters, while a controversy involving the same land was pending before the Secretary and while a written protest and caveat against the patent signed by James K. Reddington, representing adverse claimants, was actually lying before him with the papers. It is further shown that after the entry had been so approved, it was taken out of its regular order, and sent to the patenting division of the office, where it was rushed through to patent in four days, ahead of thousands of other cases entitled to patent in regular order, and ahead of hundreds of such patents actually written out and ready for signature. It further appears that the patent was recorded instantly upon its delivery to the parties interested, and that several conferences were also recorded with evident intent to keep the record title in the hands of ostensible third parties.

The grave question now, aside from the punishment of any of the offenders within official reach, is how the title thus fraudulently obtained can be reclaimed by the Government. It is probably impossible to vacate the fraudulent title without suit by the United States under direction of the Attorney-General. This, it is believed, will be one result of the investigation. What will be the result in other directions remains to be seen. The exposure of this scandal has greatly excited attorneys and others interested in land matters. If such operations are possible there is no security for honest claimants or reputable attorneys and an emphatic demand is made for protection in the future by a thorough reorganization of the personnel and change in the methods of the Land Office.

FATAL MEDDLING.

A Young Lady's Life Sacrificed to a Fool's Meddling Propensities.—He Tampered with a Horse, a Runaway Resulted, and Miss Laura Irwin's Death Was the Consequence.

READING, Pa., Dec. 26.—Charles Lloyd and Miss Laura Irwin, of Warwick, Chester County, started Monday to drive down the country to spend the Christmas holidays with Miss Irwin's grandparents. They were both well known and popular young people in the neighborhood, and on the road stopped to make a visit at the house of James Richards, at St. Marys. While they were in the house some unknown party unbuttoned the breeching straps of the harness. The young couple re-entered their vehicle for the purpose of continuing the journey, and it was not until a grade near Mr. Richards' house was reached that they discovered that any thing was wrong. With the breeching straps loose it was, of course, impossible to keep the buggy from the horse's legs. He was a spirited young animal, and, becoming frightened, ran away.

Mr. Lloyd held to the reins and told his companion to keep her seat. She lost her head completely, however, and jumped from the flying vehicle. She struck the ground head-first and a heavy silver hat-pin was driven into her skull, penetrating the brain at least two inches. Before the frightened horse had gone much farther Mr. Lloyd succeeded in jumping to the ground in safety. He hurried back to where Miss Irwin lay unconscious and carried her into a house near by. Before medical aid could reach her she was dead. It is not known whether the act which resulted in Miss Irwin's death was a practical joke or was done maliciously by some enemy. An investigation will be made to discover, if possible, the culprit.

A FOOLISH DETECTIVE.

He Attempts to Arrest the Course of Love with a Revolver and Loses His Life in the Process.—A Sensational Shooting Affair.—Newman Tuesday Night his life at the hands of young Arthur Craig, of Indianapolis, his daughter's lover. Craig was a favored suitor for the hand of Miss Hattie Sutton, but the father opposed the wedding, which he had reason to believe would occur Tuesday night or yesterday. Sutton met Craig in a store Tuesday night, and seizing the young man by the throat, placed a cocked revolver to his temple, saying: "Now go, or I'll kill you." As he said this he pulled the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode. A second attempt was made, but before it was carried into execution he fell backward with two bullets in his brain from the young man's revolver. The latter gave himself up to the officers, but the coroner's jury acquitted him of any crime, and he at once returned to Indianapolis, fearing vengeance at the hands of the dead man's relatives and friends. Young Craig is a nephew of Representative Isaac B. Craig, of the Thirty-second district, and has a good reputation. The young lady exonerates her lover from blame.

The Remnants of a Mail Robbery.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26.—A party of squirrel hunters from New Britain yesterday found in the woods along the railroad track, near Newton, the torn fragments of a number of letters and of several bank checks. They also found an ulster overcoat, which was stolen from a store in New Britain by a tramp on the day that the mail bag was stolen from the depot at that place. The letters found yesterday, together with those found the morning after the theft, are supposed to comprise all that were in the bag. It is evident that the robber took only the cash.

The Italian Premier's Scheme to Improve the Finances.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—It is announced in Rome that Signor Crispi has completed a scheme designed to improve the financial condition of Rome and at the same time relieve the sufferings of the thousands of idle workmen by providing them with work. The Premier's scheme comprises the most immediate beginning of extensive public works, from many of which the city will derive a large revenue, and Parliament will be at once asked for authority and money necessary to the accomplishment of the objects in view.

THE SOUTHERN QUEEN.

Cuban Annexationists Looking to a Union With the United States—Advantages of Annexation.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—The excitement caused by Senator Call's resolution in favor of the acquisition of Cuba by the United States has not subsided. It increases if any thing, although not so openly displayed. A cablegram from Madrid tends to keep up the anxiety and showing that the prevailing opinion in the mother country is that the United States Government, although appearing to be indifferent, is aiming at annexation. The liberal party in Spain is taking advantage of the situation and is pressing the Government to grant Cuba all the liberties and privileges she claims and thus secure her fidelity and defeat the claims of the annexationists. In Cuba Call's motion has taken hold not only of professional annexationists, who are in larger numbers here than are generally supposed, but also of a vast majority of the Cuban people, who profoundly believe that it was presented in the Senate in accordance with some secret resolution passed in the Independence of the island, which is the bete noir of the loyal Spanish party. The Hidalgo-believing Spain to be still the Spain of the Fifteenth century never cease to declare that "the ever-faithful island" is not for sale, that there is not enough treasure in the world to buy her, that force can not take her, and that Spain would spend her last dollar and sacrifice her last soldier to maintain the integrity of her territory. They contemptuously ignore the possibility of Cuba going over to the United States of her own accord, yet the party in favor of such action is growing every day. It embraces all the liberal and discontented elements of the population with a powerful nucleus of the old republican party, which has made many efforts to establish the independence of the island. All now seem to have their eye on the United States. They claim Blaine is well aware of the importance of Cuba to Spain, and are convinced that before long Cuba will enter the American confederation, where her commercial interests and political aspirations lie. The plundering and ruinous administration of employees whom the Spanish Government sends to Cuba have greatly increased the public discontent, and has converted the annexationists into a large number of rich Spaniards belonging to the conservative party, who see their fortunes melting away through steady depreciation of property of all kinds. All these disaffected elements only need to be united under a strong hand to make the annexation sentiment of the country tell. Then Cuba would fall as naturally to the United States as a ripe apple to the ground. One of the strongest incentives of the patriotic annexationists to a union with their great neighbor is that their fair island may be saved from the grasp of negroes and the fate of Hayti and San Domingo, to which it is tending.

TEN KILLED.

A Fatal Accident on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad—The Victims.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Officers of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad have information from White Sulphur Springs that passenger train No. 3 going west, was wrecked about two miles west of White Sulphur Springs by a broken axle and ten persons killed.

The mail car, combination car, coach and one sleeper were derailed. The sleeper was turned on its side. The other sleeper, Rockbridge, was not injured. The coach telescoped the combination car, and there the loss of life occurred.

The following were among the killed: Kidder Kidd, of Hannibal, Mo.; Barksdale, baggage-master, of Huntington; H. Morrison, mail clerk, of Charleston; he was not on duty but was returning to his home; newsboy, name not known; two colored men, names not known, who worked on the Allegheny section; Thomas Karsch, of Blackstone, Kan.; J. D. West, of Howardsville, Va.; the other two names are not known.

About ten are reported injured, but only the names of two are given, who are most seriously hurt—the conductor, Schweikert, whose legs were crushed, and Section Master Meyers, who was hurt in the back and breast. The dead were sent to Boneville and then injured to the Caldwell Hotel at White Sulphur Springs.

No Man's Land Criminals.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 26.—Deputy Marshal McDonald has arrived here with four men from No-Man's-Land charged with murder. They are known as Charles, Tom and George Johnson and Dick Brodurst. The Johnson boys had had their headquarters in the Strip for five years, going there from Dakota. They are believed to be members of a noted gang of desperadoes.

The recent decision of Judge Brewer is said to have caused much consternation among the characters of the Strip. George Johnson, the most intelligent of the quartette, said: "I wonder if they intend to call us to answer crimes committed before the Brewer decision. If they do the boys down home will have a tough time of it."

Cripples.

Mrs. McAdow, one of the owners of the Spoiled Horse mine of Montana, recently drove into Helena on a buckboard, unattended, carrying a gold brick worth \$40,000. It took two porters and a truck to get the heavy mass of gold from the wagon into the bank.

The Flathead Indians of Montana differ widely from most other tribes on this continent. They are not warriors, nor are they lazy and good for nothing. On the contrary, most of them are thrifty farmers, whose industry and skill are attested by big stacks of hay and grain about their dwellings.

Rev. Henry Adams, rector of St. Paul's Church in Buffalo, says: "As to Sunday newspapers, the sooner the Christian world recognizes that the Sunday paper has come to stay, and that it reaches to the thousands who don't come to hear us preach, the better for the people."

The property of Harvard is valued at \$5,000,000, of Columbia \$3,000,000, of Cornell \$2,500,000, of Johns Hopkins \$2,000,000. The annual income of several of them amounts to \$500,000.

A Montana mining company has erected and furnished a library and reading room for its employees.

THE RUSSIAN PLAGUE.

A Philadelphia Medical Expert Gives Some Interesting Points in Regard to the Progress and Treatment of the Prevailing Epidemic—The Influenza Reaches This Country.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The Medical News of this city publishes an article on influenza, "la grippe," by Prof. Roberts Bartholomew, of Jefferson Medical College. After giving an historical sketch of the disease, its pathology and morbid anatomy, the author says: "Influenza comes suddenly; goes as quickly. The least robust, at any age, and women seem to be the first victims. It is here a question of bodily condition and not of the sex. The large numbers simultaneously attacked attract general attention, and thus the most impressionable are seized, the onset being facilitated by any depressing emotion, such as fear or illness.

"There is no rigor, properly to be thus designated, but rather a series of light chills and a feeling of heat therewith. Sometimes malaise of a general kind is experienced, but, like the attack itself, is short in duration lasting but a few hours.

"With the first access of the nasal irritation comes the chilliness, which is followed by some feverishness with more pronounced malaise, and in general the headache, weakness and soreness of the members, especially of the larger joints. With the progress of the case in some epidemics there is considerable weakness, even marked depression of the vital powers. The pulse becomes small and weak, the mind gloomy and restlessness ensues.

"When a fatal termination is to occur, as a rule, an exanthema downward into the trachea and bronchi takes place.

"Although catarrhal and croupous pneumonia are said to be complications they should be regarded as occasional considerations and when present are, properly speaking, constituted parts of the malady.

"The chief importance of croupous and catarrhal pneumonia is that the development of these, out of an existing catarrh of the bronchi, is frequently a cause of death.

"The rapidity with which the disease supervenes, its preliminary development being hours and its whole care but a matter of three or four days, is remarkable. Relapses are common, usually each succeeding seizure being milder, but not a few pass by easy transition into chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, etc.

"Obviously a catarrhal process so extensive and severe, may contribute immensely to chronic disease of the middle ear, eustachian tube, nose and throat, and thus permanently damage the parts.

"The best manner of securing immunity is by the inhalation of sulphuric acid gas daily when the approach of the epidemic renders it necessary, and by taking five grains of salicylate of cinchonidine three times a day and by so living as to avoid taking cold.

"When the attack has begun it seems to me desirable to give one or two grains of calomel at night, inhale some sulphuric acid gas, and have the patient sit in a room where steam containing eucalyptol can be inhaled in large quantity. The insufflation of resorcin by dusting over the entire area of affected parts as far as practical is also recommended.

"The internal remedy most desirable is atropine in solution—one grain to one ounce of water—the dose being from one to five drops, the minimum being for little children. The tincture of belladonna may be used—from one to ten drops twice a day. As this medicament is both prompt and prolonged in action, it should be given not more than twice a day, unless the dose be much smaller than is advised above.

Salicylate of cinchonidine, a quinine should be given as a cathartic remedy, if there be reasons to suppose that such power is really exerted by it.

"My own conviction is that as a prophylactic the combination of cinchonidine with salicylate is preferable to quinine. For the depression and melancholy it is probable that atropine would be better. For the distressing headache, joint pains and wakefulness antipyrin, acetanilid, phenacetin, phenacetin and other germicides and antiseptics will, no doubt, be found useful."